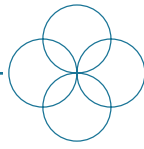


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



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CHURCH UCC



August 10, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

"Simple Song"

Leonard Bernstein

Talia Zoll, vocalist; Jacob Priddy, piano

Call to Worship

Katie Leftin

One: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

ALL: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

One: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

ALL: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

One: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

ALL: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

One: Today, we celebrate God's gift of love in the form of Jesus, the Christ.
He shows us the joy of following God.

ALL: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

Red Hymnal #229

"Open My Eyes that I May See"

Clara H. Fiske Scott

Praying Together (unison)

Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom—
freedom to follow or to turn away; freedom to love or to hate;
freedom to heal or to hurt. You ask only that we follow your ways,
loving our neighbors as ourselves. In the midst of our turbulent lives,
help us find teachers to show us the gifts you set within us.
And help us claim these gifts today. Amen

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Carry the Light"

Twila Paris

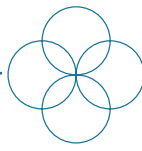
Anna Berringer and Ella Clark, vocalists; Jacob Priddy, piano

arr. Tom Fettke

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Galatians 5: 1-6



Sermon

What is Essential?

Rev. Diane Vego

Song

"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

Paul Baloche

Verse:

Open the Eyes of My heart, Lord,
Open the Eyes of My heart;

I want to see You,
I want to see You.

[Repeat]

Chorus:

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing,
Holy, holy, holy.

[Back to Verse 2x]

[Chorus 2x]

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You.
[Repeat]

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song

"Companions on the Journey" (See insert)

Carey Landry

Benediction

Postlude

Jacob Priddy, piano

Offerings

If you would like to make an offering, you can put it in the plate during the service or you can give online using this QR code:



CHURCH STAFF

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- **Welcome to Christ Church**

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website:

christchurchft.org.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



- **Back to School Bash!**

Sunday, August 10 right after the service

Join us as we celebrate the new school year! Meet our new pastor and staff, enjoy food, and have fun and fellowship for all ages. **Many thanks to David and Marcia Hosea for paying for the food!** Volunteers are needed! Please contact Madeline.

- **Coffee with the Pastor**

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. — Parlor

Give yourself a break and have coffee and casual conversation with Pastor Diane. All are invited to meet in the Parlor every Tuesday unless noted.

- **Many Hands Make Light Work**

We need help with our Fellowship hour on Sundays. If you can help, please contact Jenny Herrmann.

- **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Jennifer Korpik

Michael Long

Kristen Whalen

David Hosea

Sharon Siple

Bert & Cindy Bathiany IV

Krista & Joseph Hack

Stephanie & Brian Laake

Jeri & Jack McMath

Announcements

- **Discipleship Opportunities**

Pastor Diane will continue to help facilitate our three discipleship groups (Sunday at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 3 p.m. on Zoom, and Thursdays at noon at the church). Details of what the groups will be digging into will be shared as they meet with Pastor Diane.

- **Cereal for Brighton Center**

We are collecting cereal in July.

Thank you for your generosity!

- **Pastoral Search Committee**

If you are interested in serving on the pastoral search committee, please contact **Debbie Paillette**.

- **Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!**

Brandon and Natalie (Turner) Fugate are giving a baby brother or sister to Kemper and Connor. Please support this mission by filling the diaper bin in the Narthex with diapers and wipes. The collection will go until September 21.

- **Prayer Changes Us**

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Fred Nippert, The family of Maxine Noble, Makayla, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Mike Bizzarro, Dave Jager, Chris P., Bènè and Janis, Don Seifert, Mike & Laura Randall, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rechten Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Béné, Nelly, Carol Blair, Tony Asher, Shelley, Steve McCall, Jackson Vanderpool, Warren Witt, Jason Pierce, Donna Hoffman, Barbara Walkenhorst-Derby, Tim Kennedy, Mark Helminiak, Donna Prues and family, Tom Raney, Jim Oates, General Fernbach, Mary Hertzman

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**If you would like to make a change,
please contact the office: (859) 441-2565**